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Honorable Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission:

I am pleased to transmit the Adopted Work Plan and Operating Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/17, commencing on October 1, 2016 and ending on September 30, 2017, including the Adopted Work Plan, the Adopted Operating Budget, the Adopted Capital Budget, and the associated Capital Improvement Program for FY 2016/17 through FY 2020/21. The total Adopted General Fund Operating Budget is \$317.2 million, which is \$16.9 million or 5.6 percent more than the FY 2015/16 adopted budget of \$300.3 million.

Further, General Fund reserve levels as of September 30, 2015 for the 11 percent emergency reserve and the 6 percent contingency goal were a total of \$47.5 million. The 11 percent General Fund emergency reserve requirement for FY 2016/17, based on the proposed operating budget (net of capital transfers and reserves) is \$33.0 million. This results in \$14.4 million (or 5.0 percent) available for additional contingency, if there are no additional changes in fund balance, and no additional transfers made.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- ***The adopted millage rate of 5.8888 is 0.0235 mills less than FY 2015/16, is to our knowledge, the lowest in the history of the City of Miami Beach, and certainly in the last 54 years for which we have found records.***
- ***The FY 2016/17 budget includes \$1.1 million of reductions/efficiencies as well as \$3.6 million of service enhancements to address priorities in the City's Strategic Plan.***

The City's Adopted Operating Budget in total for FY 2016/17 is \$605.0 million including the General Fund, General Obligation Debt Service, Enterprise Funds, Special Revenue Funds and Transfers to the Redevelopment District. This amount is net of Internal Service Funds and Interfund Transfers.

The City of Miami Beach has experienced significant change in the last several years, due to changes in property tax legislation, property values that first increased and then declined, and increasing pension plan contributions due to the downturn in the investment market.

In FY 2010/11 the city's approach to addressing the then deficit of \$32 million included a distribution of the shortfall between taxpayers and employees. Taxpayers had their tax rate increased from 5.9123 to 6.5025, an increase of 0.5902 mills. The goal of the Commission has been to bring them back to that level as property values increase over time. It should be remembered that between FY 2009/10 and FY 2010/11 values declined by \$2.6 billion driving the need for an increase in the millage.

In FY 2011/12 the City took its first step in that direction with a reduction in the millage rate of 0.0486 mills. The millage rate for FY 2012/13 reduced the millage by an additional 0.1062 mills. In the FY 2013/14 budget, the millage rate was reduced 0.2314 mills and in the FY 2014/15 budget the millage rate was reduced 0.0926 mills. Over four years, this reduction represented 81 percent of the goal to get back to a millage rate of 5.9123. The FY 2015/16 budget achieved the remaining goal of lowering the millage rate to the level in FY 2009/10 and set the millage rate at 5.9123.

For FY 2016/17, the Administration adopted a total combined millage rate for the City of Miami Beach of 5.8888, which represents a decrease of 0.0235 mills and is to our knowledge, the lowest in the history of the City of Miami Beach, and certainly in the last 54 years for which we have found records.

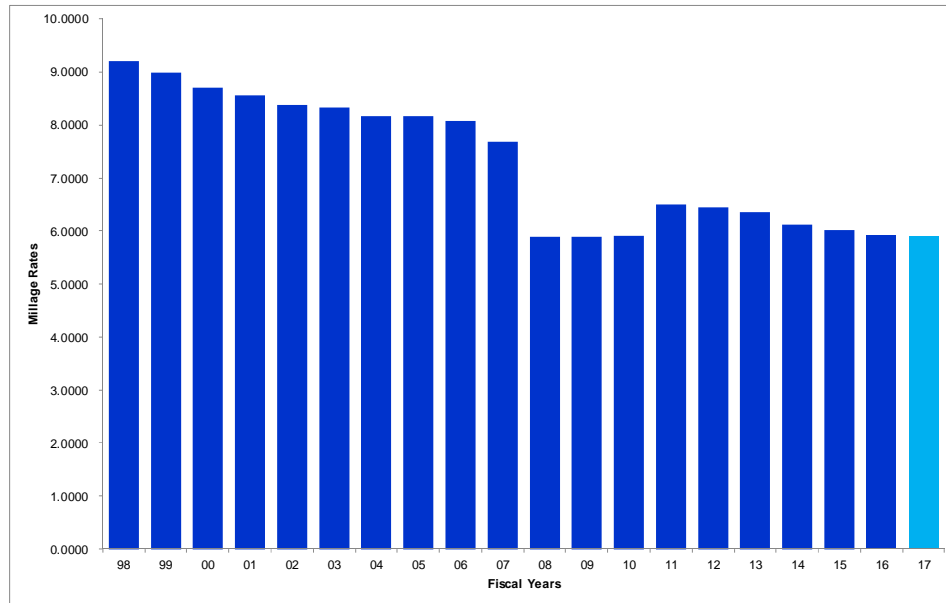
Taxable Values Chart	Taxable Property Values (billions)	Final/Revised Taxable Values (billions)	Millage Rates		Tax Levy (in millions)	
			Total Combined Citywide Millage	General Fund/RDA Millage	Total Tax Levy including Debt	General Fund Total (including S. Pointe, and Renewal & Replacement)
FY1997/98	\$ 6.46	\$ 6.40	9.2100	7.4990	\$ 57.45	\$ 46.78
FY1998/99	\$ 6.97	\$ 6.87	8.9830	7.4990	\$ 60.37	\$ 44.66
FY1999/00	\$ 7.66	\$ 7.54	8.6980	7.4990	\$ 64.29	\$ 47.36
FY2000/01	\$ 8.37	\$ 8.22	8.5550	7.3990	\$ 69.08	\$ 49.75
FY2001/02	\$ 9.40	\$ 9.22	8.3760	7.2990	\$ 75.97	\$ 54.37
FY2002/03	\$ 10.56	\$ 10.41	8.3220	7.2990	\$ 84.81	\$ 61.05
FY2003/04	\$ 12.09	\$ 11.85	8.1730	7.2990	\$ 95.39	\$ 68.17
FY2004/05	\$ 14.04	\$ 13.86	8.1730	7.4250	\$ 110.74	\$ 79.38
FY2005/06	\$ 17.45	\$ 17.15	8.0730	7.4810	\$ 135.91	\$ 111.69
FY2006/07	\$ 22.74	\$ 22.26	7.6730	7.3740	\$ 168.38	\$ 140.31
FY2007/08	\$ 26.85	\$ 26.14	5.8970	5.6555	\$ 150.42	\$ 125.33
FY2008/09	\$ 26.90	\$ 25.89	5.8930	5.6555	\$ 150.59	\$ 125.94
FY2009/10	\$ 24.70	\$ 23.24	5.9123	5.6555	\$ 138.70	\$ 115.73
FY2010/11	\$ 22.10	\$ 20.97	6.5025	6.2155	\$ 136.55	\$ 112.14
FY2011/12	\$ 21.98	\$ 20.75	6.4539	6.1655	\$ 134.75	\$ 111.29
FY2012/13	\$ 23.07	\$ 22.02	6.3477	6.0909	\$ 139.10	\$ 114.32
FY2013/14	\$ 24.66	\$ 23.64	6.1163	5.8634	\$ 143.26	\$ 117.41
FY2014/15	\$ 27.10	\$ 26.27	6.0237	5.7942	\$ 155.10	\$ 127.76
FY2015/16	\$ 30.70	\$ 29.92	5.9123	5.7092	\$ 172.39	\$ 143.16
FY2016/17	\$ 34.70	*	5.8888	5.7092	\$ 193.74	\$ 160.78

* Information will be available next fiscal year

The City of Miami Beach has made strides in significantly reducing tax rates as property values have increased. Between FY 1999/00 and FY 2009/10, the total combined City of Miami Beach

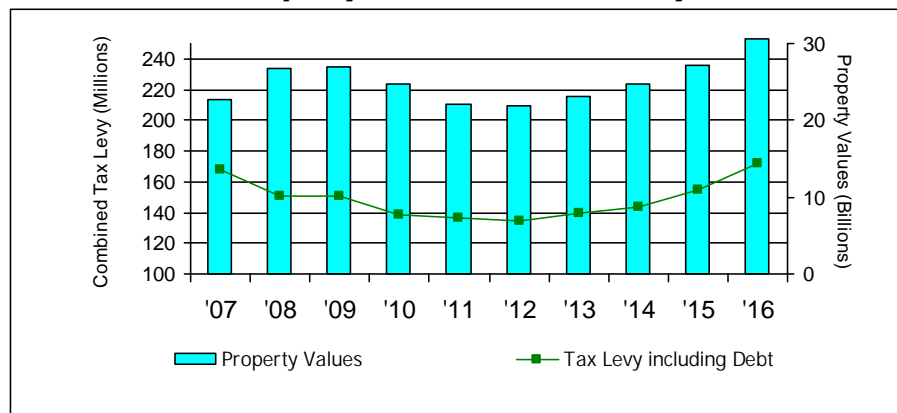
property tax rates declined approximately 2.8 mills. In FY 2007/08 alone, the millage rate declined by approximately 1.8 mills, with annual savings to the average homesteaded property of over \$400.

Millage Rate Trends



Further, although the City increased the operating tax rate by 0.56 mills in FY 2010/11, the City's proposed combined millage rate is now the lowest in the history of the City and the rate remains approximately 2.8 mills or 32 percent lower than it was in FY 1999/00.

Property Values and Tax Levy



Today's General Fund Operating Budget also reflects greater diversification of revenues since FY 2006/07. The Adopted Work Plan and Budget includes \$37.6 million in resort taxes to fund tourism-eligible expenditures and a \$6.4 million transfer of Parking Operations Fund year-end surplus. In large part due to these alternative sources, property tax revenues represent half of the total funding for the General Fund budget, as compared to 59 percent in FY 2006/07, a significant reduction over the past several years.

Although the economy is slowly recovering, the impact of the Great Recession impacted both property tax revenues as well as pension costs. Therefore, the City's strategy continues to consider the long term financial sustainability of the City. Beginning with the development of the FY 2009/10 budget, a strategy was developed to address short-term, mid-term and long-term financial needs.

- Short-term financial strategies have included ongoing efficiencies and wage concessions by employees.
- Mid-term financial sustainability has been addressed by pension concessions from current employees in the Miami Beach Employees Retirement Plan
- Longer term financial sustainability is enhanced by the pension plan restructures that have been put in place for employees in the City's retirement plans. Further, additional pension plan reform recommendations were developed by the City's Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) for the Fire and Police Pension Plan for consideration as part of the FY 2013/14 adopted budget. While the specific BAC recommendations were not implemented, the pension reform agreed upon by IAFF and FOP generated savings is in excess of the BAC recommendations: \$5.6 million in the first year, \$1.9 million in the second year, and \$140 million net present value over 30 years.

Of note, the FY 2016/17 General Fund Budget is about \$79.5 million (33.5 percent) more than the FY 2006/07 budget, despite pension contribution increases of \$30.6 million during the same period. At this point, annual contributions to the City's two pension plans alone represent more than \$53.7 million (17 percent) of the total General Fund budget. As a result, pension reform continues to be a high priority for the City.

During FY 2015/16 both pension boards voted to decrease the investment rate of return for their plans to more conservative assumptions over the next several years due to market performance and there continues to be a negative trend nationwide in pension plan performance which will continue to place pressure on municipal budgets in the future. The impact to the FY 2016/17 Budget from the annual required contribution (ARC) for both plans is \$1.9 million. It should be noted that the ARC for both funds would have been much less without the change in the investment rate assumptions. Additionally, beginning in FY 2017/18, the City will be required to pay the pension mortality payment as part of the annual pension contribution. This payment is estimated to be approximately \$6 million in FY 2017/18 of which \$3 million is set aside to offset the payment in the FY2016/17 Budget. Lastly, the funded net position as a percentage of total pension liability is 72 percent for the Fire and Police plan and 70 percent for the General Employees plan as of the most recent valuation dates.

FY 2016/17 ADOPTED WORK PLAN AND BUDGET OVERVIEW

As in past years, the Adopted Work Plan and Budget was developed through an intensive review process with our City Commission. Preliminary budget information was provided at the Commission Retreat on May 12th and in meetings with the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee (FCWPC) on June 6th, July 6th, and July 22nd.

GENERAL FUND CURRENT SERVICE LEVEL BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

The General Fund is the primary source of funding for the majority of City services. Revenues are derived from ad valorem property taxes, franchise and utility taxes, business license and permit fees, revenue sharing from various statewide taxes, user fees for services, fines, rents and concession fees and interest income. Additionally, intergovernmental revenues from Miami-Dade County and Resort Taxes contribute funding for tourist-related activities provided by General Fund departments.

The first step in preparing the FY 2016/17 budget was an evaluation of Current Service Level (CSL) revenues and expenditures. CSL revenues represent the amount of revenues that would be generated based on existing tax rate, fees and charges. CSL expenditures represent the expenditures associated with providing the same level of service next year as in the current budget year.

At the Strategic Planning Retreat on May 12, 2016, the Commission was briefed regarding the preliminary General Fund Current Service Level (CSL) budget. The CSL represents the cost of providing the same level of services as in the prior year and serves as the baseline of funding for the budget process.

Property taxes comprise approximately half of the total General Fund revenue and are a key driver of CSL revenues. The Property Appraiser provided the preliminary 2016 property values on June 1, 2016. The Commission was briefed regarding the updated CSL budget at the June 6th Finance & Citywide Projects Committee. The preliminary Current Service Level (CSL) based on June 1st property values projected a revenue increase of \$17.8 million and an expenditure increase of \$13.5 million for a net surplus of \$4.3 million. CSL expenditures have increased by \$13.5 million since the adoption of the FY 2015/16 Operating Budget primarily due to the following:

- 0-2 percent merit pay: \$2.2 million
- 1 percent COLA in April 2016 and 3 percent COLA in July 2017: \$2.5 million
- Increase in citywide Health and Life Insurance of \$706,000
- Increase in the Police Department over-time expenses of \$1.7 million, an increase in Police allowances (hazard duty pay) due to Union negotiations of \$921,000, and an additional \$160,000 for uniforms
- Increase in Fire allowances (hazard duty pay, uniforms) due to Union negotiations of \$1 million
- \$253,000 for the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program
- \$200,000 for the Mobility Fee Study

- \$190,000 for the '2066 Miami Beach Rising Above and Time Capsule' project
- Increase in Information Technology of \$240,000 due to one-time Terremark charge
- Annualized costs for items added during FY 2015/16 such as \$760,000 for the Customer Service Center, \$534,000 for the adjustment of the PC replacement cycle from 5 to 3 years (year 2 of 2), \$238,000 for a new contract for the Building Department Inspectors and Plan Examiners, and \$112,000 for an increase in Special Master rates
- Annualized costs for items added mid-year including \$526,000 for four traffic flow specialists, 2 analysts and 1 supervisor to support the Traffic Management Initiative, \$60,000 for towing and relocation of derelict vessels, and \$25,000 for the Miami Dade Transit Corporate program.

On July 1st, we received the certified property assessment value of \$34.7 billion, which is the property assessment value used for budget purposes. On July 13th, the Commission set the ceiling for the millage rate of 5.8888 which is estimated to generate \$160.8 million in property tax revenues.

APPROACHES TO BALANCE

At the July 22nd Finance and Citywide Projects Committee meeting, direction was given regarding the proposed Millage Rate, enhancements and efficiencies for the Operating Budget, and changes to the Capital Budget.

The July 1st certified taxable values of \$34.7 billion were 0.8 percent higher than the June 1st preliminary taxable values of \$34.4 billion. As noted in the table below, the June 1st preliminary Property Tax Revenue projections assumed the City Center CRA would grow 10 percent from 2015. The City Center CRA growth rate calculated based on July 1st certified property value resulted in a 16.4 percent increase compared to 2015, thereby reducing the Citywide Total by a greater percentage than estimated. As a result, the Property Tax Revenues projections were reduced by \$177,000 for the General Fund.

	June 1 st Preliminary	July 1 st Certified
Property Assessment		
Existing Values	33,282,000,000	33,532,510,312
New Construction	1,156,000,000	1,165,246,796
Total	34,438,000,000	34,697,757,108
City Center CRA	5,305,000,000	5,612,744,843
Citywide Total	29,133,000,000	29,085,012,265
Property Tax Revenue Projection	160,956,000	160,779,000
Property Tax Revenue Projection Variance		(177,000)

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Efficiencies and Reductions

City departments continue to be proactive in identifying additional efficiencies to their current service level programs and services. As with the preparation of budgets for the last nine years, departments are continuing to analyze their budget from two perspectives: 1) reviewing for potential efficiencies, reorganizations to reduce cost, etc., without adversely impacting services; and 2) performing a modified zero-based analysis of each department budget, identifying potential service reduction alternatives versus core functions. As part of the FY 2016/17 budget process, the City Manager requested that departments submit lists of potential reductions/efficiencies totaling 3 percent of their FY 2015/16 budgets. The lists were reviewed extensively by the City Manager, Executive Team, Department Directors, and the Budget Office. At their July 6th meeting, the Finance & Citywide Projects Committee accepted the recommended reductions/efficiencies with the addition of reducing overtime in the Parks and Recreation department. The list of adopted reductions/efficiencies can be found in Attachment A. The updated savings from the adopted reductions/efficiencies in the General Fund totals \$1,108,000 of which the majority will result in minimal service impacts.

Service Enhancements

The adopted enhancements found in Attachment B reflect service enhancements to increase public safety and cleanliness, educational and health initiatives for the city. An outline of recommended enhancements is listed below:

General Fund

- \$1,371,000 to create a new response unit within the Fire Department for the purpose of staffing an additional Rescue Unit at Fire Station 4 which includes staffing for the Fire Boat.
- \$54,000 to expand the Miami Beach Nurse Enhancement Initiative to extend behavioral health services to Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center, South Pointe Elementary, Nautilus Middle School, Biscayne Elementary, and Miami Beach Senior High School.
- \$100,000 to provide venue, entertainment, food and decorations to replace the Convention Center site while the Center undergoes renovation to host the four citywide senior events.
- \$95,000 to increase the current level of bathroom service around the UNIDAD Senior Center area.
- \$80,000 to increase the current level of service of inclusionary aides for the summer camps.
- \$212,000 for three police officers to enhance services to the 41st Street Corridor and boardwalk coverage.
- \$143,000 for two police officers to meet the growing and changing needs of the North Beach community.

- \$45,000 to provide oversight and supervision for the City's School Resource Officer Program.

Special Revenue Funds

- \$250,000 to fund a portion of the Bass Museum programming enhancement request via the Cultural Arts Council Fund.
- \$141,000 to sustain the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program funded via the Education Compact Fund.
- \$13,000 to expand dual enrollment options at Nautilus Middle School and Miami Beach Senior High School, through a partnership with City of Miami Beach, Miami-Dade College and Miami-Dade County Public Schools funded via the Education Compact Fund.
- \$120,000 for three Ciclovía events in FY 2016/17.

Resort Tax

- \$255,000 for Code Compliance to add three additional positions for the purpose of coordinating, supervising and oversight of a Short-term Rental Investigation Team to increase proactive enforcement and investigation of illegal Short-Term Rentals.
- \$1,093,000 for the new Entertainment District within the Police Department which includes 12 new police officers and 24/7 coverage within the entertainment area which includes Ocean Drive, Washington Avenue, Collins Avenue and any adjacent areas as required. This unit will also have dedicated homeless outreach responsibilities.
- Funding for Special Events such as the World Out Games (\$300,000), the Major League Baseball All-Star Game (\$100,000), the North Beach Tennis Event (\$50,000), the Bass Museum programming enhancements (\$300,000), and the Miami Beach Air & Sea Show (\$350,000) will be funded from the projected FY 2015/16 year end surplus in Resort Tax.

At the July 22nd Finance and Citywide Projects Committee meeting, the following two changes were made to the list of proposed additions and service enhancements:

General Fund

- Added \$3 million set-aside to off-set estimated \$6 million Pension Mortality Payment in Fiscal Year 2017/18.
- Removed \$74,000 for an Energy Analyst in the Environmental & Sustainability Department.
- Added \$135,000 for the Department of Emergency Management to insure monthly, quarterly and yearly maintenance, testing and certifications of all City of Miami Beach storage tank sites and remain in compliance with DERM and the Miami Dade Regulatory and Environmental Resource Division.

- Added \$60,000 for the Office of Housing and Community Services to provide short-term employment for homeless persons placed in shelter as a transition to seeking permanent, independent employment.
- Added \$509,000 for the Department of Parks and Recreation for six full-time and two part-time Park Rangers at Lummus Park.
- Added \$50,000 for the Planning Department to create a new Office Associate III position in the Office of the Clerk of the Boards division for the purpose of scanning, indexing and archiving all Land Use, Historic Preservation & Zoning Map documents/information which are used to update the Historic Preservation webpage, and to assist in creating a Phone-App.
- Added \$187,000 for the Public Works Department for two Greenspace Management Tree Trimmers and one bucket truck for Right-Of-Way Tree Maintenance throughout the City of Miami Beach. This was previously estimated to cost \$200,000.

Internal Service Fund

- Added \$70,000 for the Office of Information and Technology to connect to the NAP building in downtown Miami. A cut in this single path, as took place on April 30th, 2016, leaves the City totally disconnected from its servers at the NAP. The funds in this enhancement are to procure a physically diversified route to the NAP. Furthermore, diversifying vendors will ensure that if an issue were to affect AT&T and their ability to provide the network path, the city would still be able to reach the NAP as this path would belong to a vendor totally independent of AT&T.

Enterprise Fund

- Added \$48,000 for the Parking Department to create a new position within the Parking Department for the reception area which is currently serviced by temporary employees. This would reduce temporary labor costs in the department by \$40,000.

Resort Tax

- Added \$67,000 of one-time expenses for ATVs to support the Police enhancements approved by the Committee to be funded from the projected FY 2015/16 year end surplus in Resort Tax.

After the July 22nd Finance Committee meeting, an enhancement was added for the Procurement Department in the amount of \$45,000 to purchase software that provides support for the compliance efforts related to the local hire ordinance, in lieu of additional staffing.

FY 2016/17 Adopted Budget

Non-Property Tax Revenues have been adjusted to reflect a lower transfer from the Parking Operations Fund and were further refined based on FY 2015/16 third quarter performance. The

City has been decreasing the amount of transfer of prior year Parking Operations surplus funds to the General Fund over time to allow funding for parking garages and other parking initiatives. In FY 2015/16, the transfer was budgeted at \$8.4 million. In FY 2016/17, the adopted transfer is \$6.4 million and in FY 2017/18, the recommended transfer is \$2 million. The net result of these changes including the efficiencies and enhancements approved by the Committee on July 22nd results in a balanced budget, as shown below.

FY17 Final General Fund Budget	
Property Tax Revenues	160,779,000
Non-property Tax Revenues	156,473,000
Total Revenues	317,252,000
Operating Budget	308,248,000
FY18 Pension Mortality Payment Set-Aside	3,000,000
Efficiencies approved by Commission	(1,108,000)
Enhancements approved by Commission	3,655,000
Capital Funded by General Fund	3,457,000
Total Revenues	317,252,000
Unallocated Surplus/(Deficit)	-

Increased Use of Resort Taxes to offset Tourism Eligible Expenditures in the General Fund

Based on an outside consultant study conducted in 2010 using FY 2007/08 actual costs, it is estimated that there are approximately \$50.5 million in eligible resort tax expenditures in the General Fund. However, \$8.8 million of these costs were estimated as being addressed by dedicated funding pursuant to the Miami-Dade County Convention Development Tax interlocal agreement, thereby resulting in approximately \$41.7 million in eligible Resort Tax expenses in the General Fund.

These include expenses associated with police officers serving entertainment areas; a portion of fire rescue services from Fire Stations 1 & 2; ocean rescue services; enhanced code compliance provided to respond to evening entertainment area violations and staffing of special events; other code compliance activities in tourism and visitor related facilities/areas; Tourism and Culture Department and the Cultural Arts Council; museums and theaters (Garden Center, Bass Museum, and Colony Theater); golf courses (net of revenues); Memorial Day and other special event costs; homeless services; July 4th; Visitor Center funding; holiday lights; Jewish Museum; Miami Design Preservation League (MDPL); Orange Bowl; monuments; etc.

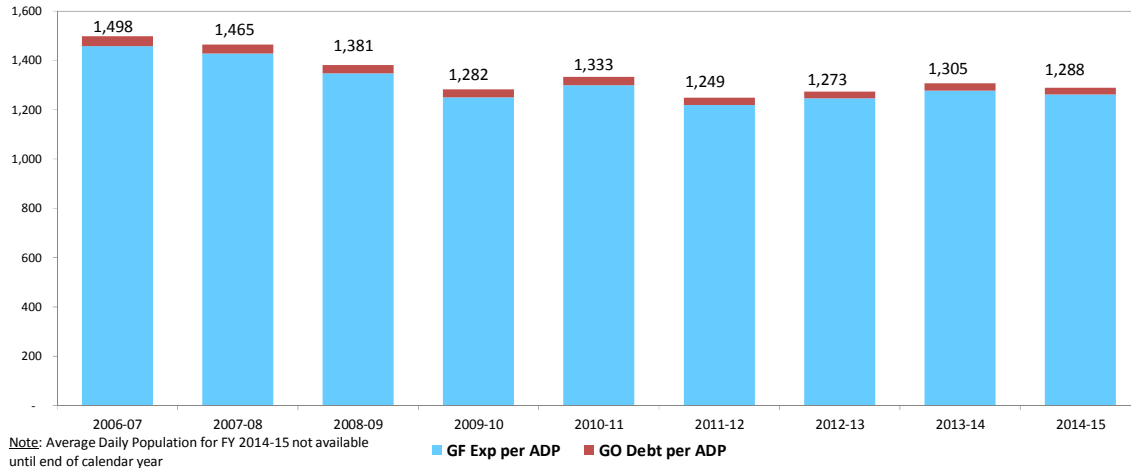
The total proposed Resort Tax Fund transfer to the General Fund for FY 2016/17 is approximately \$37.6 million.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

The 2016 Environmental Scan conducted as part of the strategic planning process showed that the average daily population in the city has grown 40.9 percent from 2005 to 2015. Much of this increase consists of additional tourists (157 percent), day trippers (85 percent), and seasonal residents (60 percent). The following chart shows the General Fund budget and General Obligation Bond Debt Service budget divided by the average daily population from 2007 to 2015.

The average daily population has grown faster than the budget and that the FY 2014/15 amount is 14 percent below the FY 2006/07 amount.

General Fund and G.O. Debt Budget by Average Daily Population 2007 – 2015



TO ADDRESS PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMUNITY

In 2016, the City of Miami Beach conducted its sixth set of comprehensive statistically valid community satisfaction surveys. The Community Survey was designed to receive both resident and business input on quality of life, city services, and taxes; and to identify key drivers for improvement.

The 2016 survey continued to build on many of the questions asked in previous surveys for historical trend comparison. The additional questions posed in the 2016 survey represented the City's efforts to enhance resiliency and sustainability, and included a focus on communication and programming efforts. While residents and business owners provided honest feedback in their ratings by identifying areas for improvement, over 73 percent of residents would recommend the City of Miami Beach as a place to live, and over 72 percent of business owners would recommend the City of Miami Beach to others as a place to run a business.

Overall results from the 2016 Community Survey reflect the areas of concern the City is already conscientiously addressing, with large projects such as alternative forms of public transit, cleanliness in public areas, and addressing the homelessness. Emerging trends in the desires of the Community however, reflect long-term strategies the City has begun to fund in the FY 2016/17 Budget, including resiliency and sustainability efforts, increase in recreation programming, and continued strides in public safety.

These results indicate general feedback and input from our residents and businesses on their level of satisfaction with the services we provide, as well as refined priority areas for the organization to focus on, and actionable recommendations for improvements to our services.

Detailed survey results are available on the City's website and the FY 2016/17 Citywide Work Plan can be found in [Attachment D](#).

PUBLIC SAFETY

Accountability

The Body-Worn Camera program in the Police Department was initiated in FY 2014/15 with the acquisition of 100 cameras to improve transparency and accountability by recording police officers' interactions with the public. The FY 2015/16 Budget included funding for an additional 50 body-worn cameras and the FY 2016/17 Budget includes an additional \$276,000 for this initiative. Body-worn cameras are an important tool that will be an integrated part of the City's problem-solving and community-engagement strategy, helping to increase both trust and communication between the police and the community.

Enhancing Safety & Emergency Preparedness

The FY 2016/17 Budget includes funding for additional Police Officers including creating a new dedicated Entertainment District unit, three officers dedicated to Mid Beach and two officers dedicated to North Beach. The new Entertainment District unit within the Police Department will be comprised of twelve new police officers and 24/7 coverage within the entertainment area which includes Ocean Drive, Washington Avenue, Collins Avenue and any adjacent areas as required. This unit will also have dedicated homeless outreach responsibilities. Additionally, the FY 2016/17 budget includes a School Liaison position to provide oversight of the City's School Resource Officer Program through the Police Department.

The FY 2016/17 Budget also includes funding for a new response unit within the Fire Department for the purpose of staffing an additional Rescue Unit at Fire Station 4 which includes staffing for the Fire Boat.

According to the results of the 2016 Community Survey, residents rated the job the city is doing to address the homeless as excellent or good at only 25 percent. The FY 2016/17 Budget includes funding for a Work Training Program in the Office of Housing and Community Services for to provide short-term employment for homeless persons placed in shelters as a transition to seeking permanent, independent employment. While gaining reintegration experience into the workplace (thereby discouraging a return to homelessness), the assisted clients will know the locations, priorities and issues relevant to those homeless remaining on the streets which will enable City staff to engage additional homeless and help elevate them out of homelessness.

As a result of the recommendation from the Ocean Drive Task Force, the FY 2016/17 Budget includes funding for additional Park Rangers in the Department of Parks and Recreation at Lummus Park to ensure coverage seven days a week from 8 am to midnight.

PREMIER NEIGHBORHOODS

Beauty of Neighborhoods

Enhancing the beauty and vibrancy of urban and residential neighborhoods is a Key Intended Outcome in the City's strategic plan. The FY 2016/17 Budget includes funding for two Greenspace Management Tree Trimmers and associated equipment for Right-Of-Way Tree Maintenance throughout the City of Miami Beach.

Code Enforcement

The FY 2016/17 Budget includes funding to enhance a more proactive code compliance environment by adding three Code Compliance Officers focused on proactive enforcement and investigation of illegal Short-Term Rentals.

Cultural and Recreational Activities

Several enhancements are included in the FY 2016/17 Budget that support the City's KIO for enhancing cultural and recreational activities: additional inclusionary aides to meet the demand for special need children to be enrolled in summer camps and funding to provide a venue for seniors while the Convention Center undergoes renovation.

Additionally, funding from a surplus in Resort Tax revenue in FY 2015/16 will fund \$1.25 million of special events to be held in 2017 including: the Miami Beach Air & Sea Show, the World Out Games, the Major League Baseball All-Star Game and the North Beach Tennis Event. Funding is also included in the FY 2016/17 Budget for the popular Ciclovía community event.

Cleanliness

Cleanliness of our City continues to be a priority for our residents and businesses. The City uses a quantitative index to assess the impact of these efforts and results have shown significant overall improvement in the last eleven years. In FY 2014/15, 84.6 percent of public areas citywide were rated as clean or very clean compared to 65.2 percent in FY 2005/06.

The City's strategic plan includes key intended outcomes (KIOs) to improve cleanliness in high traffic areas and city beaches, and to maximize deployment of trash cans citywide. The FY 2016/17 budget includes funding to expand the "can on every corner" initiative by adding 100 more trash cans across the City. During FY 2014/15, the City Commission approved enhancing parking lot cleanliness by adding a roving crew to address illegal dumping, litter, and other deficiencies.

The FY 2016/17 Budget also includes funding to expand the hours of cleaning services for the UNIDAD Senior Center restrooms which are also open to the public to ensure cleanliness of restrooms.

Pedestrian Safety

The 2016 Community Survey showed a decrease in the adequacy of street lighting from 78 percent in 2009 to 62 percent in 2016. In addition, elevating walkability and pedestrian safety is a key intended outcome in the City's strategic plan. The FY 2016/17 Capital Budget includes Renewal & Replacement funding the Street Lighting program for neighborhoods which will increase pedestrian safety by implementing Lighting and Crime Prevention Through Environmental (CPTED) improvements throughout the city.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Storm Drainage

The 2016 Community Survey continued to identify storm drainage as a key issue for residents. Residents reflected an increase in satisfaction with stormwater pump installations with 47 percent rating storm drainage improvements as excellent or good compared to 2009 (44 percent) and 2014 (25 percent). During FY 2013/14, two new committees were formed to address the City's current and future drainage issues, the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Flooding and Sea Rise and the Flooding Mitigation Committee. This coupled with nearly nine out of ten residents (87 percent) claimed they would support the City spending tax dollars to address rising sea levels, ensures the City will continue its efforts to support stormwater improvements over the next fiscal year.

The City's strategic plan includes a KIO to ensure reliable stormwater management and resiliency against flooding through short and long-term solutions addressing sea-level rise. The FY 2014/15 Budget included funding for several positions to implement dozens of planned stormwater projects over the next five years to help convert the city's drainage system from a gravity-based system to a pumped system. The FY 2015/16 Budget included two positions in the Public Works department to enhance preventive maintenance to the stormwater infrastructure system that would focus on maintenance of the storm sewer mains. The FY 2016/17 includes a position that will focus on expediting projects through design engineering and oversight.

Traffic Flow

In the 2016 Community Survey, traffic continued to rate as a primary concern for residents with only 8.4 percent rated traffic flow as excellent or good. Although ratings for traffic flow remain unfavorable, both residents and businesses have expressed interest in alternate modes of transportation, primarily public transit. To accommodate this request, increasing mobility through trolleys, local bus circulators, and enhancing safety of pedestrian and bike lanes has been a priority. Nearly half of residents indicated they would consider taking the local bus circulator, trolley or light rail as an alternative to taking a car, 37.9 percent, 44.0 percent, and 45.2 percent respectively. During FY 2014/15, the City Commission voted to expand the City's trolley system from the existing North Beach Loop to include a Mid Beach Loop, a South Beach Loop, and a Collins Link. The FY 2016/17 Capital Budget also earmarks \$36 million in funding for the proposed Light Rail/Modern Street Car project.

The FY 2016/17 Capital Budget further expands the City's initiative to promote a bicycle safety campaign to help reduce accidents in the community by including funding to paint bicycle lanes green and create protected lanes to help separate bike and auto traffic on busy streets.

The FY 2016/17 Capital Budget includes additional funding for the deployment of an interim Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and Smart Parking solution major special events and high impact periods. The long-term ITS solution is projected to cost approximately \$14.6 million, of which \$6.5 million in funding has been identified.

The FY 2015/16 Budget included an additional motor unit in Police, which resulted in a 50 percent increase in staffing to address traffic issues, improve enforcement, and provide additional visibility and an expanded loading zone enforcement program in Parking to reduce obstruction of traffic (double parking) on major thoroughfares. The scope of the program expands enforcement from the entertainment district to all areas of the city.

Build and Maintain Priority Infrastructure

The 2016 Community Survey continued to indicate the concern for sidewalk improvements. Only 38 percent of residents rated the condition of sidewalks as excellent or good. The FY 2016/17 Capital Budget includes funding of \$1 million for Pavement and Sidewalk improvements.

The FY 2016/17 Capital Budget includes \$2.4 million in Pay-As-You-Go funding for capital projects. Projects funded in this category will help address pressing needs such as: neighborhood projects; street lighting and irrigation improvements; park projects; and other projects that enhance public safety.

Additionally, funding is included for the Storage Tank Maintenance Program in the Office of Emergency Management in order to ensure environmental compliance of standards as established by the Miami Dade Regulatory Environmental Division and the Department of Environmental Resources Management.

EDUCATION EXCELLENCE

Achieve Educational Excellence

The FY 2016/17 budget includes funding for several initiatives to support K-12 Excellence including the second year of funding for the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program, expansion of the Miami Beach Nurse Enhancement Initiative providing behavioral health services to Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center, South Pointe Elementary, Nautilus Middle School, Biscayne Elementary, and Miami Beach Senior High School, and expansion of dual enrollment options at Nautilus Middle School and Miami Beach Senior High School, through a partnership with City of Miami Beach, Miami-Dade College and Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

MANAGEMENT & SERVICE DELIVERY

Financial Transparency

During FY 2014/15, the City launched an interactive financial transparency portal, which provides the public with unprecedented access to fiscal information. The portal provides online access to the budget and displays multiple views of current and historic revenue and expenses down to the fund, department, and object code level. This powerful visualization software transforms volumes of raw data into actionable insight and information, enabling better analysis and understanding of the City's budget and how taxpayer money is allocated. To access the platform, visit: <https://miamibeachfl.opengov.com/transparency>

The FY2016/17 budget also includes a \$3 million set-aside to offset an estimated \$6 million Pension Mortality Payment expected in FY 2017/18.

Streamline Delivery of Services

Several administrative enhancements that support the KIO in the strategic plan to streamline the delivery of services through all departments are included in the FY 2016/17 Budget such as:

- Create network path continuity in the physical paths routing the circuits that connect the City of Miami Beach to the Terremark Network Access Point (NAP) datacenter where the City's servers reside through the IT Department.
- Streamline the purpose of scanning, indexing and archiving all Land Use, Historic Preservation & Zoning Map documents/information, used to update the Historic Preservation webpage by adding a position in the Planning Department that is intended to be filled by a participant of the Best Buddies program.
- Purchase software that provides support for the compliance efforts related to the local hire ordinance for the Procurement Department.

In FY 2014/15, the City began the Munis/Energov technology project to replace its existing Enterprise Resource Planning System (ERP) and permitting and licensing system over the next three years. This key project includes funding for a full business process review (BPR) of all functional areas of the new systems prior to the commencement of implementation activities. The goal of the BPR is two-fold: (1) make business operations more efficient and effective; (2) and more effectively utilize technological investments. In this manner, the new systems will be aligned with improved processes offering the greatest opportunity to improve the City's business operations. Many positive process changes are anticipated as the Munis/Energov project progresses during FY 2016/17. The FY 2016/17 Budget also includes a dedicated position to support the project in the IT Department.

Since FY 2005/06, the annual budget has included funding specifically for Information & Communications Technology Projects. Each year, departments propose projects which are then reviewed and prioritized by the IT Steering Committee, which is comprised of the Assistant City Managers, the Chief Financial Officer, the Fire and Police Chiefs, the IT Director, and the Budget Director.

Funding for the FY 2016/17 adopted projects totals \$534,000 and is funded by a transfer of \$395,000 from the General Fund and a transfer of \$139,000 from the Information & Communications Technology Fund Balance. Below is a summary of the proposed projects.

- Surveillance Camera Storage Solution (\$169,000): This project would purchase additional storage for the Police Department's expanding surveillance camera program.
- Control Room Storage Upgrades (\$120,000): The project will purchase an additional 100 TB of storage capacity for the Communications department to store Commission and Committee meetings. This will also allow the Communications department to edit media in real-time.
- Miami Beach Rising Above Portal (\$120,000): This project will purchase a portal for the Miami Beach Rising Above project that will focus on bringing attention to citywide resiliency, adaption and climate mitigation strategies and initiatives.
- Parks and Recreation Software (\$75,000): This project will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation Department to procure a software solution for the registration and scheduling of programs as well as keep track of point of sale transactions and inventory.
- Audit Management Software (\$39,000): This project would address the City's Internal Audit department's need to automate the internal audit process. The Audit Management software includes risk assessment, scheduling, planning, execution, review, report generation, trend analysis, and audit committee reporting and storage. An additional feature of the software is the ability to automate follow up of all findings.
- Power DMS (\$11,000): This project will allow for the purchase of document management software for the Code Compliance department which will provide an all-inclusive solution for the electronic maintenance and administration of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), certification and other document-based elements. The web-based software will also allow administrators to effectively distribute policies, train staff and manage other accreditation related issues.

ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY VALUES IN MIAMI BEACH

On July 1, 2016, the City received the 2016 Certification of Taxable Value from the Property Appraiser's Office stating that the taxable value for the City of Miami Beach is \$34.6 billion including \$1.1 billion in new construction. The certified 2016 value represents an increase of \$3.9

billion or 13.03 percent more than the July 1, 2015, Certification of Taxable Value of \$30.6 billion.

As shown in the following table, the comparative assessed values for the Miami Beach Redevelopment Agency City Center redevelopment district increased from \$4.8 billion to \$5.6 billion an increase of \$791 million or a 16.4 percent increase over 2015 certified values. Citywide values excluding City Center increased from \$25.9 billion to \$29.0 billion, an increase of \$3.2 billion or 12.4 percent. Values outside the City Center area determine General Fund revenues.

	Jan. 1 2015 Value (in billions)				Jan. 1, 2016 Value (in billions)	Change from 2015 Value (Budget)	
	As of July 1, 2015 (For 2015/16 Budget)	Revised Value (For 2015/16 Projection)	Change in 2015 Values		As of July 1, 2016 (For 2016/17 Budget)	\$ (in billions)	% Chg
Total Citywide	\$ 30.6978	\$ 29.9200	\$(0.7778)	-2.5%	\$ 34.6977	\$ 3.9999	13.0%
RDA – City Ctr	\$ 4.8216	\$ 4.4806	\$(0.3410)	-7.1%	\$ 5.6127	\$ 0.7911	16.4%
Citywide Net of City Center	\$ 25.8762	\$ 25.4394	\$(0.4368)	-1.7%	\$ 29.0850	\$ 3.2088	12.4%

Determining the Operating Millage Levy

The first building block in developing a municipal budget is the establishment of the value of one mill of taxation, wherein the mill is defined as \$1.00 of ad valorem tax for each \$1,000 of property value. For the City of Miami Beach, the value for each mill is determined by the 2016 Certification of Taxable Value and has been set at \$34.7 million. Florida Statutes permit a discount of up to five percent for early payment discounts, delinquencies, etc. Therefore, the 95 percent value of the mill is \$32.9 million. Net of Center City RDA tax increment available to the General Fund, the value of one mill at 95 percent is \$28.2 million.

Impacts of Changes in Property Values

For FY 2016/17, the adopted operating millage rate for general City operations is 5.7092, which is equivalent to FY 2015/16. Based on the July 1, 2016, Certification of Taxable Value, 5.7092 mills would generate approximately \$160,779,000 in general tax revenues, an increase of \$17,618,000 over FY 2015/16 budgeted property tax revenues Citywide (General Fund and City Center RDA).

Further, the January 1, 2015, tax roll Citywide declined by \$777.9 million between the July 1, 2015 valuation and the July 1, 2016 valuation due to appeals, adjustments, etc., which is part of the reason that the FY 2016/17 “rolled-back rate” is significantly less than the FY 2015/16

current millage rate. The value of the area outside of City Center RDA declined by almost \$436.9 million.

State Legislated Operating Millage Requirements

Pursuant to recently enacted State legislation, the City may elect to approve millage rates above the roll-back rate up to the constitutional cap of 10 mills subject to the following votes by the Commission or referendum:

- **Option I:** A majority of the approval of the Commission Millage is required to approve a millage up to 6.3643 (equivalent to 3.75 percent increase in property tax revenues). The 1.0375 percent increase is the state per capita personal income gain for the prior calendar year.
- **Option II:** A two-thirds approval (5 of 7 votes) of the Commission is required to approve a millage up to 7.0007 (equivalent to a 10 percent increase in the ad valorem revenues above Option I).
- **Option III:** Option III: A unanimous approval of the Commission or referendum is required to approve a millage above 7.007 up to the 10 mill cap

The proposed operating millage rate of 5.7092 therefore requires a majority approval (4 of 7 votes) of the Commission.

Determining the Voted Debt Service Millage Levy

The general obligation debt service payment for FY 2016/17 is approximately \$5.9 million. Based on the July 1, 2016 Certified Taxable Value from the Property Appraiser, these bonds would require the levy of a voted debt service millage of 0.1796 mills. This represents a decrease of 0.0235 mills.

Combining the Operating and Voted Debt Service Millage Levy

At the July 13, 2016, Commission meeting, the Commission set the combined millage to 5.8888, a reduction of 0.0235 mills compared to FY 2015/16. Illustrated below is a comparison of the combined millage rates and ad valorem revenues to the City of Miami Beach for FY 2015/16 and FY 2016/17 (preliminary) including RDA.

City of Miami Beach Millage Rates	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	Inc/(Dec)	From FY15/16
Operating Millage	5.7092	5.7092	0.0000	0.0%
Debt Service	0.2031	0.1796	-0.0235	-11.6%
Total	5.9123	5.8888	-0.0235	-0.4%

The City of Miami Beach's total operating millage has decreased to the lowest rate in at least 54 years for which we have found records.

Impact on Homesteaded Properties

Amendment 10 to the State Constitution took effect on January 1, 1995 and limited the increase in assessed value of homesteaded property to the percentage increase in the consumer price index (CPI) or three percent (3 percent), whichever is less. For 2015, the CPI has been determined to be 0.7 percent and therefore, the increase is capped at 0.7 percent for increased values as of January 1, 2016.

Overall, based on the homesteaded properties in the January 1, 2015 homestead values as of July 1, 2015 valuation, the median value of homesteaded property in Miami Beach for 2014 was \$155,690, and the average \$383,781. Applying the increase to the market value of all existing homesteaded properties from the 2015 tax roll, and the 0.7 percent CPI adjustment, the impact of the millage rate adjustment to homesteaded properties would be as shown in the following table.

Homesteaded Properties				
	FY 2015/16		FY 2016/17	
			with 0.7% CPI	
	Median	Average	Median	Average
	\$ 155,690	\$ 383,782	\$ 156,780	\$ 386,468
City of Miami Beach				
Operating	\$ 889	\$ 2,191	\$ 895	\$ 2,206
Voted Debt	32	78	28	69
Total Miami Beach	\$ 921	\$ 2,269	\$ 923	\$ 2,275
\$ Change in Taxes				
Operating			\$ 6	\$ 15
Voted Debt			(4)	(9)
Total Miami Beach			\$ 2	\$ 6

* Source: Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser's - 2015-average-median-homestead-residential-values file

Impact on Non-Homesteaded Properties

The annual increase in market value of a non-homestead property is capped at 10 percent (does not apply to school millages). The city-wide average increase in property values is 13.03 percent. The property value of individual properties may increase up to, but not more than 10 percent (excluding the school millage portion of the property tax bill). However, an individual property owner may see a higher than 10 percent increase if there is a change in ownership of a capped property resulting in a reset of the cap. Another potential factor, if applicable, would be the value of new construction which could contribute to a property value increase of higher than 10 percent.

Overlapping Jurisdictional Operating and Debt Service Millages

City of Miami Beach property owners must also pay property taxes to Miami-Dade County, the Miami-Dade County School Board, the Children's Trust, the South Florida Water Management

District, Okeechobee Basin, Everglades Project, and the Florida Inland Navigational District. These taxing authorities represent 70 percent of a Miami Beach property owner's tax bill.

The countywide tax rate for Miami-Dade County millage remained flat at 4.6669; the library tax rate is flat at 0.2840 mills; and the debt service millage is decreased by 0.05 to 0.4000 mills. The tax rate for the Miami-Dade School District decreased from 7.6120 to 7.3220 mills. The Children's Trust millage is maintained at 0.5000 mills. As a whole, the millage rates for the South Florida Water Management District, Okeechobee Basin, Everglades Project, and Florida Inland Navigational District decreased from 0.3896 mills to 0.3627 mills.

With the adopted rates for FY 2016/17, the Miami Beach portion of the tax bill is approximately 30 percent of the total bill. Of note, the County millage is 1.0351 mills less than their millage in FY 2006/07, as compared to the City's millage which is 1.7842 mills less than the City millage in FY 2006/07. Further, the School Board millage is only 0.7830 below the FY 2006/07 millage rate. The significant difference in the total overlapping millage rate is a direct result of the City's effort to keep the millage rates as low as possible. A summary of the tax rate changes is provided in the following table.

OVERLAPPING TAX MILLAGE	FY 06/07	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	Variance from FY 15/16	Variance from FY 06/07
City of Miami Beach					
Operating Millage	7.3740	5.7092	5.7092	0.0000	-1.6648
Voted Debt Service	0.2990	0.2031	0.1796	-0.0235	-0.1194
Total	7.6730	5.9123	5.8888	-0.0235	-1.7842
Miami Dade County					
Countywide	5.6150	4.6669	4.6669	0.0000	-0.9481
Library	0.4860	0.2840	0.2840	0.0000	-0.2020
Debt Service	0.2850	0.4500	0.4000	-0.0500	0.1150
Subtotal	6.3860	5.4009	5.3509	-0.0500	-1.0351
School Board	8.1050	7.6120	7.3220	-0.2900	-0.7830
Children's Trust	0.4220	0.5000	0.5000	0.0000	0.0780
Other	0.7360	0.3896	0.3627	-0.0269	-0.3733
Total	23.3220	19.8148	19.4244	-0.3904	-3.8976

Impact of Combined Tax Rates of Overlapping Jurisdictions on Homesteaded Properties

The median and average January 1, 2015 taxable values of \$155,690 and \$383,782, respectively, will increase by 0.7 percent CPI in FY 2016/17 due to the Save Our Homes Cap which only allows taxable values to increase by 3.0 percent or CPI, whichever is lower.

The following table provides examples of changes in property taxes for homesteaded properties using the proposed tax rates and potential changes from 2016 values. Applying the proposed

combined millage rates results in a decrease of \$41 for the median taxable home value and a \$98 decrease for the average taxable home value.

Impact on Homesteaded Properties Assuming Changes in Taxable Value from January 1, 2016				
	FY 2015/16		FY 2016/17 with 0.7% CPI	
	Median	Average	Median	Average
2016 Preliminary Taxable Value	\$ 155,690	\$ 383,782	\$ 156,780	\$ 386,468
City of Miami Beach				
Operating	\$ 889	\$ 2,191	\$ 895	\$ 2,206
Voted Debt	32	78	28	69
Total Miami Beach	\$ 921	\$ 2,269	\$ 923	\$ 2,275
Miami Dade County	841	2,073	839	2,068
Schools	1,185	2,921	1,148	2,830
Other	139	341	135	333
Total	\$ 3,086	\$ 7,604	\$ 3,045	\$ 7,506
Change in Taxes				
City of Miami Beach				
Operating			\$ 6	\$ 15
Voted Debt			(4)	(9)
Total Miami Beach			\$ 2	\$ 6
Miami Dade County			(2)	(5)
Schools			(37)	(91)
Other			(4)	(8)
Total			\$ (41)	\$ (98)

Median properties would pay approximately \$3,045 for all taxing jurisdictions combined, while the average taxes generated would be approximately \$7,506 per homesteaded property. Of these taxing jurisdictions, the highest component is the Miami-Dade School Board, at \$1,148 for a median value property, and \$2,830 for an average valued property.

As with the City of Miami Beach millage rates, impacts of the combined jurisdictional millage rates for non-homesteaded properties are based on the individual property values.

CAPITAL BUDGET

The City's annual capital budget contains capital project commitments appropriated for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/17 Capital Budget. Preparation of the Capital Budget occurred simultaneously with the development of the FY 2016/17 – FY 2020/21 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and FY 2016/17 Operating Budget.

The Capital Budget for FY 2016/17 totals \$88.3 million and will be appropriated on October 1, 2016. Projects will address many needs in different areas of the City including: neighborhood enhancements such as landscaping, sidewalk restoration; traffic calming; roadway and bridge resurfacing and reconstruction; water, sewer, and drainage system improvements; park construction, renovation and upgrades; renovation of seawalls; parking lot and garage renovation, construction/renovation of public facilities; and vehicle replacement. For a detailed listing of all capital projects, please refer to the Adopted FY 2016/17 – 2020/21 Capital Improvement Plan & FY 2016/17 Capital Budget document.

In FY 2005/06, the City established a financial goal of funding at least 5 percent of the General Fund operating budget as transfers for capital projects and capital projects contingency. The purpose of this goal was multi-faceted:

1. To provide flexibility in the operating budget that would allow the budget to be reduced without impacting services during difficult economic times;
2. To ensure that the City funded needed upkeep on our General Fund facilities, and right-of-way landscaping, lighting, etc.
3. To provide a mechanism to address additional scope of small new projects prioritized by the community and the Commission instead of having to delay these for a larger General Obligation Bond issue; and
4. To provide contingency funding so that projects where bids were higher than budgeted did not have to be delayed, especially during a heated construction market where delays often lead to further increases in costs.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Enterprise Funds are comprised of Sanitation, Water, Sewer, Stormwater, Parking, and Convention Center Departments. The FY 2016/17 Enterprise Funds Budget is \$209.3 million. This represents a decrease of \$2.8 million (1 percent) from the FY 2015/16 budget of \$212.1 million, primarily due to:

- A significant reduction (\$16.7 million) in the Parking budget due to lower than anticipated revenue collections in FY 2015/16. This may be as a result of increases in parking rates which took effect in FY 2015/16, as well as the growing popularity of a variety of ride sharing companies operating in the City.
- Sewer reflects an increase in expenditures of \$7.1 million, primarily due to increased sewer treatment costs and DERM fees. The budget also includes a proposed rate increase, which would generate \$5.7 million in additional revenues.
- Stormwater reflects an increase in expenditures of \$7.3 million, primarily due to a \$6 million increase in debt service costs, as a result of the FY2017 stormwater bond.

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

Internal Service Funds are comprised of the Central Services, Fleet Management, Information Technology, Risk Management, Medical & Dental and Property Management Divisions. The FY 2016/17 Internal Service Fund budget is \$83.9 million, or 4.4 percent, more than FY 2015/16. Internal Service costs are completely allocated to the General Fund and Enterprise Fund departments, Special Revenue Funds, and the Risk Management Fund reimburses the General Fund for the cost of legal services.

RESORT TAX FUND

The FY 2016/17 Resort Tax budget is \$86.7 million, an increase of \$8.0 million or 10.3 percent from FY 2015/16. This increase reflects the continued increase in resort tax revenues and the implementation of an additional 1 percent resort tax to pay for the Convention Center Renovation project. Highlights are listed below:

- New enhancement of \$255,000 for Code Compliance to add three additional positions for the purpose of coordinating, supervising and oversight of a Short-term Rental Investigation Team to increase proactive enforcement and investigation of illegal Short-Term Rentals.
- New enhancement of \$1,093,000 for Police to create an Entertainment District Unit that will deploy 12 officers for 24 hour/7 day week coverage to enhance and proactively address issues unique to the entertainment district and will also have dedicated homeless outreach responsibilities. Officers will be deployed in areas of focus to include; Ocean Drive, Washington Avenue, Collins Avenue, and any adjacent areas as required.
- \$37,609,000 (a \$1 million increase) is provided to the General Fund to support new and continuing tourism eligible expenditures such as more proactive code enforcement, cleanliness index, park ranger program, homelessness at Lummus Park, hurricane and disaster preparation equipment, increased support for the Miami Beach Botanical Garden and the City's cultural facilities, public safety programs such as ocean rescue, police services on Lincoln Road, Ocean Drive/Lummus Park, Collins Avenue, Washington Avenue, ATV officers, Boardwalk security, special traffic enforcement and special event staffing; and fire rescue units in tourist and visitor areas. The funding also supports code compliance services to respond to evening entertainment areas and provides for a portion of the operational costs of the Tourism and Cultural Development.
- Includes \$2.8 million for enhancing the outcomes from major events such as Memorial Day, including management and Goodwill Ambassadors.
- The contribution to the Miami Beach Visitor and Convention Authority will increase from \$2.6 million to \$2.8 million based on the legislated funding formula.
- Maintains \$350,000 is provided to continue the local Miami Beach marketing campaign, to be matched with funds from the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Miami Beach Visitor and Convention Authority, and the Cultural Arts Council.
- Maintains \$300,000 for enhanced holiday decorations in the tourism areas.
- \$200,000 contribution to help offset expenses of the Miami Beach Bowl or equivalent event.
- Maintains \$100,000 for enhancing the 4th of July event.

- The third year of a 15 year annual contribution of \$1 million to Mount Sinai Medical Center to fund the design and construction of a new Emergency Room facility.
- The contribution to the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (GMCVB) increased from \$5.4 million to \$6.5 based on a new performance-based contract.
- Increased the transfer to Sanitation from \$542,000 to \$4,213,000 (a \$3.7 million increase) which was previously funded through the former South Pointe RDA.
- Includes the estimated debt costs of \$13 million associated with the Resort Tax revenue bonds for the redevelopment of the Miami Beach Convention Center.

CONCLUSION

Through rigorous review and good leadership, the Adopted Work Plan and Budget for FY 2016/17 is balanced and enables the City of Miami Beach to continue delivering outstanding, enhanced services to our residents, businesses and visitors and continuing structural enhancements to ensure the long-term sustainability of the City.

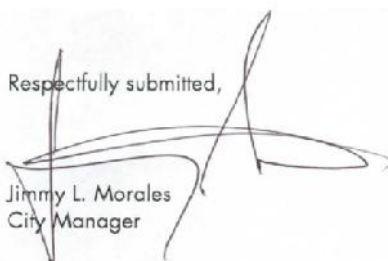
The adopted combined millage rate of 5.8888, which is 0.0235 mills less than FY15/16, is the lowest in the history of the City of Miami Beach, and certainly in the last 54 years for which we have found records. The FY 2016/17 Budget includes efficiencies that further streamline government operations and service level enhancements that address high priority needs of the City.

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